

**SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Luther Henry Jordan, Jr. for the loss of a beloved family member and a true friend.

**SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Luther Henry Jordan, Jr.

**SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2002.

**S.J.R. 1229**

**Resolution 2002-4**

**A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING JEREMIAH MORRIS, FOUNDER OF THE TOWN OF MORRISVILLE, ON THE TOWN'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY.**

Whereas, the Town of Morrisville is the oldest community in Wake County established along the North Carolina Railroad; and

Whereas, the Town was named for Jeremiah Morris, who donated three acres of land to the North Carolina Railroad for a water station, woodshed, and other buildings in 1852; and

Whereas, Jeremiah Morris established the first post office in the Town in March of 1852 and became the Town's first postmaster; and

Whereas, the Town served as a polling place in 1859; and

Whereas, on April 13, 1865, the Town was the site of one of the last battles of the Civil War; and

Whereas, by the 1870s the Town was home to six general stores, several churches, a hotel, and a steam sawmill; and

Whereas, also during this time, the Town supported a cabinetmaker, a lawyer, and four physicians; and

Whereas, the Town was chartered on March 3, 1875; and

Whereas, by the 1880s, the Town's population was 165; and

Whereas, Samuel Horne opened a knitting mill in the Town in 1910; and

Whereas, the Town's charter was repealed in 1933 and rechartered in 1947; and

Whereas, in 1976, the Town purchased the Morrisville Christian Church building which served as the first Town Hall; and

Whereas, the Town's growth and attractiveness is evident from the number of residents who have chosen to make Morrisville their home; and

Whereas, the Town's population was 251 in 1980 and 1,469 in 1990; and

Whereas, the Town currently estimates its population to be 10,315; and

Whereas, the Town should be commended on its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary; Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:*

**SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Jeremiah Morris in helping to establish the Town of Morrisville.

**SECTION 2.** The General Assembly congratulates the Town of Morrisville on its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and encourages the people of this State to participate in activities commemorating this special occasion.